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REPLY TO ACTION OF JUNE 17, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of June 17, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks:

Applicants elect the invention identified by the Examiner as Group IV, methods of making hook material and further elect combination (II), methods of making hook material with loop material.

With regard to election from subcombination III drawn to a hook engageable loop material, Applicants elect Group I(3) comprising Figs. 13A-13C. Applicants understand this species to include both stretched and stretchable nonwoven materials, with or without elastomeric binder layers.

Regarding election from subcombination I, in an interview with the Examiner on August 19, 2003, it was agreed that subcombination I does not recite all disclosed species of hook fastener products, such as spaced-apart bands molded in spaced-apart relation by introducing multiple streams of resin, as illustrated by, for example, Fig. 28A and discussed on page 33 of the application. It was further agreed that an election of such spaced-apart bands of hook fastener product would be an appropriate response, particularly given the wording of

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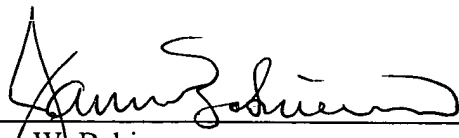
independent method claim 84. Applicants therefore elect spaced-apart bands of hook fastener product as shown by, for example, Fig. 28A.

Applicants submit that claims 84-103 are readable on the elected species.

Enclosed is a \$410 check for the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, attorney's docket number 05918-117001.

Respectfully submitted,

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